

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1783–S1807

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 616–629. **Page S1805**

Measures Passed:

Department of Labor Rule: By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 87), Senate passed H.J. Res. 42, disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to drug testing of unemployment compensation applicants. **Pages S1784–99**

Coats Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, following Leader remarks on Wednesday, March 15, 2017, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Daniel Coats, of Indiana, to be Director of National Intelligence, and that the time until 10 a.m. be equally divided in the usual form, and at 10 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S1798**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page S1806**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S1806–07**

Additional Statements: **Pages S1804–05**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S1807**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—87) **Pages S1798–99**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1807.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MARINES UNITED WEBSITE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine information surrounding the Marines United website, after receiving testimony from Honorable Sean J. Stackley,

Acting Secretary of the Navy, General Robert B. Neller, USMC, Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Ronald L. Green, USMC, all of the Department of Defense.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program, after receiving testimony from Roy E. Wright, Deputy Associate Administrator, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

TRUCK SAFETY ON OUR NATION'S HIGHWAYS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security concluded a hearing to examine continuing to improve truck safety on our nation's highways, after receiving testimony from Christopher A. Hart, Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board; Chris Turner, Kansas Highway Patrol, Topeka, on behalf of the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance; Paul P. Jovanis, Pennsylvania State University, State College; Jerry Moyes, Swift Transportation Company, Glendale, Arizona; and Adrian K. Lund, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, Arlington, Virginia.

AMERICAN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine opportunities to improve American energy infrastructure, after receiving testimony from Carl Imhoff, Manager, Electricity Market Sector, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Department of Energy; Stefan A. Bird, Pacific Power, Portland, Oregon; Clay Koplin, Cordova Electric Cooperative, Inc, Cordova, Alaska; Jeffrey Leahey, National Hydropower Association, Terry O'Sullivan, Laborers' International Union of North America, and Ethan Zindler, Bloomberg New Energy Finance, all of Washington, D.C.; and Diane Leopold, Dominion Energy, Richmond, Virginia.

NOMINATION

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Robert Lighthizer, of Florida, to be United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador, after the nominee, who was introduced by former Senator Bob Dole, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House currently stands in recess. The House is scheduled to meet at 3:25 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine a ballistic missile defense program update, 10:30 a.m., SVC-217.

Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine STEM education, focusing on preparing students for the careers of today and the future, 10:30 a.m., SD-138.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine all arms warfare in the 21st century, 3:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine assessing U.S. sanctions on Russia, focusing on the next steps, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine unmanned aircraft systems, focusing on innovation, integration, successes, and challenges, 10 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine innovative solutions to control invasive species and promote wildlife conservation, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine six years of war in Syria, focusing on the human toll, 11 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 34, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for the en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for “midnight rules”, S. 21, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law, S. 317, to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, S. 500, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Health Affairs responsible for coordinating the efforts of the Department of Homeland Security related to food, agriculture, and veterinary defense against terrorism, S. 218, to restrict the inclusion of social security account numbers on documents sent by mail by the Federal Government, S. 188, to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government, H.R. 274, to provide for reimbursement for the use of modern travel services by Federal employees traveling on official Government business, H.R. 366, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to make certain improvements in managing the Department’s vehicle fleet, an original bill entitled, “Dr. Chris Kirkpatrick Whistleblower Protection Act”, an original bill entitled, “Office of Special Counsel Reauthorization Act”, an original bill entitled, “Follow the Rules Act”, an original bill entitled, “Regulatory Accountability Act”, and the nomination of Elaine C. Duke, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine visas, focusing on investigating K-1 fiance fraud, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Subcommittee on Crime and Terrorism, to hold hearings to examine the modus operandi and toolbox of Russia and other autocracies for undermining democracies throughout the world, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: to hold hearings to examine GAO’s high risk list and the Veterans Health Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 1:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, hearing entitled “Crafting an Information Warfare and Counter-Propaganda Strategy for the Emerging Security Environment”, 4:15 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, hearing entitled “Disrupter Series: Advanced Materials and Production”, 1 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled “Modernizing Energy Infrastructure: Challenges and Opportunities to Expanding Hydropower Generation”, 1:15 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing entitled “Examining the Creation and Management of Marine Monuments and Sanctuaries”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 1367, to improve the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to hire and retain physicians and other employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 1259, the “VA Accountability First Act of 2017”; and H.R. 1181, the “Veterans 2nd Amendment Protection Act”, 3:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 15

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

3:25 a.m., Wednesday, March 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Daniel Coats, of Indiana, to be Director of National Intelligence, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination at 10 a.m.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: To be announced.



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